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REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 5-8, 11. Applicant amended claim 1 to include the matter of claim 5, and amended claim 9 to include the matter of claims 10 and 11. Applicant believes claims 1-4, 6-9 and 12-16 are allowable.

Applicant added new claim 17. Neither Lee, nor any other cited art, teaches, discloses or suggests the invention of claims 1, 9 or 17.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-4, 6-9 and 12-17 are solicited.

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